

Latex Paint Disposal...The Right Way

Latex paint is water soluble and not considered a hazardous material therefore it is not acceptable at the counties hazardous waste collection sites.

What to do with leftovers?

- 1.) Use it all up. Estimate correctly how much you need when you buy it. Average coverage rate is 400 to 450 sq ft per gallon. Apply a second coat or touch up. Paint your closets or cabinets. Try to donate it to someone who may use it; friends, neighbors, churches, high schools, theater groups, recreation departments or community service organizations.
- 2.) Dry out the paint out side by coating a flat surface of cardboard and recoating. For larger paint quantities put into a shallow cardboard box lined with a plastic bag add some cat litter to speed up the process. Once dry you can put out at the curb for the garbage man to pick up. Make sure you leave the top off so he knows it's hardened and acceptable.
- 3.) A new product, "Waste Paint Hardener" is available at the listed hardware stores. It hardens latex paint in minutes rather than days. It consists of crystals that are stirred into liquid to promote drying. When the paint solidifies, it can be discarded in the regular residential trash. Remember to keep the lid open so your garbage man knows he can accept it. It costs about \$2 per packet.

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